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## **Betty T. Yee Releases Report Evaluating Santa Cruz County Assessor's Office**

**Sacramento** - Betty T. Yee, First District Member of the California State Board of Equalization (BOE), today released a BOE report finding that most properties in Santa Cruz County are properly assessed.

The Santa Cruz County Assessment Practices Survey Report examined the quality of the 2010-11 Santa Cruz County assessment roll, representing about \$33.2 billion in value, and found that it meets state standards. The BOE [report](#) also made 14 recommendations for improving the Santa Cruz County Assessor's programs.

Surveying county assessors' practices fulfills the BOE's mission of promoting statewide consistency in property tax assessment. Every five years the BOE reviews each county's property tax assessment practices and publishes a report.

These reports provide an overview of how well the assessor's duties are performed and identify where improvements should be made. Every assessor is required to identify and assess all properties located within the county – unless specifically exempt – and maintain a database or “roll” of the properties and their assessed values.

For more information on the BOE assessment practices survey program, visit:  
[www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm](http://www.boe.ca.gov/proptaxes/apscont.htm).

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Board Member Betty T. Yee was elected to her post in November 2006. Her district includes many of California's coastal counties, from Del Norte to Santa Barbara, and includes the entire San Francisco Bay Area.

The five-member California State Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The BOE collects more than \$50 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and serves a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes. For more information on other taxes and fees in California, visit [www.taxes.ca.gov](http://www.taxes.ca.gov).

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